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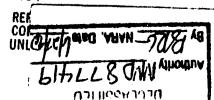
FOREIGN OFFICE ADVISES THAT DENIS HEALEY, LABOR MP EXPONENT OF DISENGAGEMENT HAS "PUT DOWN" A QUESTION WHICH LLOYD WILL ANSWER IN HOUSE OF COMMONS HET "TO WHAT EXTENT IS IT HMG POLICY TO ACCEPT PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE AUTHORITIES IN EAST GERMANY AS AGENTS OF THE SOVIET GOVT IN EXERCISING ITS AUTHORITY UNDER AGREEMENTS FOR FOUR POWER CONTROL OF CITY OF BERLIN".

FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING LEVEL IS BRIEFING LLOYD ON ASSUMPTION THAF THIS MAY BE USED AS OCCASION FOR ATTACK BY LABOR MPS ON SEC DULLES WHICH WOULD BE DEVELOPED THROUGH SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS. FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING LEVEL BELIEVES LLOYD MUST INSIST THAT IT IS NOT RPT NOT PRESENT POLICY TO ACCEPT EAST GERMANS AS BEING SOVIET AGENTS AND THAT IDEA THAT DEALINGS WITH RAILROAD OFFICIALS IS RECOGNITION CAN BE RIDICULED. THEY PROPOSE LLOYD REPLY "IT IS NOT RPT NOT POLICY OF HMG TO ACCEPT PERSONS APPOINTED BY AUTHORITIES OF EAST GERMANY AS AGENTS OF SOVIET GOVT".

IF LLOYD IS ASKED, IN SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION, ABOUT DULLES STATEMENT, WORKING LEVEL BRIEFING AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED SAYS (1) I THOUGHTHON MEMBER WAS ASKING ABOUT POLICY OF HMG; (2) MR DULLES MADE CLEAR WE WOULD NOT

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RPT NOT DEAL WITH ANY EAST GERMAN OFFICIALS IN ANY WAY WHICH WOULD INVOLVE RECOGNITION FOR GDR; (3) MR DULLES ALSO MADE CLEAR WE CANNOT RPT NOT DECIDE IN ADVANCE WHAT WE MIGHT DO IN CERTAIN HYPOTHETICAL CIRCUMSTANCES; (4) THE "MINOR FUNCTIONARIES" MR DULLES HAD IN MIND WERE, I UNDERSTAND, THE EAST GERMAN RAILROAD OFFICIALS WHO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FUNCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE MOVEMENT OF ALLIED MILITARY TRAINS; (5) HMG IS NOT RPT NOT AWARE THAT ANY EAST GERMAN RAILROAD OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AS AGENTS OF SOVIET GOVT.

FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT HE THOUGHT
BEST LLOYD SAY AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE. LLOYD CANNOT
RPT NOT SAY HE DISAGREES WITH WHAT SECRETARY SAID AND
WISHES TO AVOID IMPLICATION, IF HE INDICATES AGREEMENT,
WHICH LABOR MJS MIGHT SEEK TO DEVELOP, THAT US HAS DISAGREED
ON THIS QUESTION AND HAS ONLY JUST COME AROUND TO UK
POINT OF VIEW.

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